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SUBJECT: DELTA HIGHPOINT

FOLLOWING TEL RECEIVED FROM CAN THO DEC 24 H/W
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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAN THO 0895

REF: A. CAN THO 0888, B. CAN THO 0890, C. CAN THO 0894

1. VC/NVA VIOLATIONS IN THE DELTA DECEMBER 22, 23, AND 24 WERE 79, 68, AND 71 RESPECTIVELY. THEREFORE, THE HIGHPOINT WHICH BEGAN DECEMBER 18-19, AND WHICH ON THE SECOND DAY PRODUCED 123 VIOLATIONS, HAS NOW RECEDED TO A LOWER LEVEL BUT IS NOT YET FINISHED. MOST INCIDENTS CONTINUE TO BE ATTACKS BY FIRE, ACCOMPANIED BY A SCATTERING (8-13) OF GROUND ATTACKS. CHUONG THIEN CONTINUES TO RECORD THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF INCIDENTS, FOLLOWED BY DINH TUONG.

2. GVN CASUALTIES FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS ARE NOT AS SEVERE AS DURING THE FIRST BUT STILL HIGHER THAN NORMAL. GVN REPORTED KILLED FOR THE SIX-DAY PERIOD BEGINNING 0600 DECEMBER 18 WERE 38, 51, 47, 24, 39, AND 30. GVN WOUNDED
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WERE 92, 200, 193, 133, 89, AND 107. VC/NVA CLAIMED KILLED

WERE 80, 151, 180, 63, 74, AND 88.

3. OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRESENT HIGHPOINT
REMAINS UNCHANGED (REFS B AND C). WE BELIEVE THE UPSURGE
IS TEMPORARY AND THAT DELTA MILITARY ACTIVITY WILL SHORTLY
RETURN TO NORMAL LEVELS. WRIGHT UNQTE
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